

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-John Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses our public airwaves free of charge, and in theory is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But in practice, instead of fair and balanced reporting, we get a smear campaign, more of what's good for the bottom line of a big corporation and less of what we need for our limping democracy. I think it more important to hear and see real people from our own communities and more fair and balanced news about issues that truly matter.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you.

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